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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WHERE TOMORROW WILL PROBABLY BE DECISIVE. IT IS CLEAR THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT GET NEARLY ALL THAT IT WANTS. THEREFORE, WE MAY HAVE TO PUT IN SOME HARDWARE COMMITMENTS.

2. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GET AUTHORITY FROM THE PRESIDENT AND HAIG TO COMMIT US TO SUPPLY FOUR BATTALIONS OF LANCES AS A COUNTER TO SOVIET FROGS AND SCUDS IN SYRIA. DOD HAS ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE OR SO THE ISRAELIS THINK. I THINK THAT COMMITMENT MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE TOGETHER WITH AN AGREEMENT TO STUDY A LONG RANGE MILITARY PROGRAM STUDY WITH THE ISRAELIS, IN CARRYING THE CABINET. IT WOULD ALSO HELP ME IF I CAN AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH LASER BOMBS. IF I CANNOT GET BOTH, YOU SHOULD GET AGREEMENT TO THE LANCES.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT SUCCESS IN THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE DECISIVE IN THE WHOLE EVOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE DOD ARGUMENTS THAT WE RISK HAVING NOTHING LEFT TO HOLD BACK IS NONSENSE SINCE WE CAN ALWAYS SLOW DOWN ON DELIVERIES.

4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THIS MATTER.

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5. WARM REGARDS.

State Dept. review completed

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